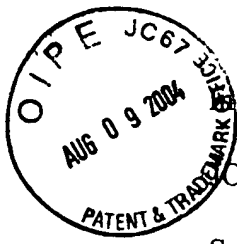


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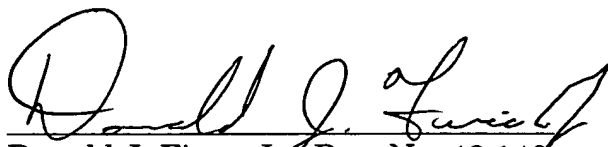
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The article entitled "Isobutene Polymerization Using a Chelating Diborane Co-Initiator" may include information relevant to portions of the present invention. However, since this publication was published by the inventor after the priority date of the present application, applicant respectfully submits that his publication fails to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. section 102.

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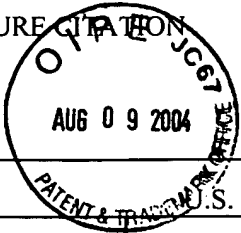
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